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Period for Reply

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Status

Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12/16/98.

This action is FINAL.

Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 1 1; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.

Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is approved disapproved.

The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.

received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) 09/210892.

received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

Attachment(s)

Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____ Interview Summary, PTO-413

Notice of Reference(s) Cited, PTO-892 Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948 Other _____

Office Action Summary

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Prior rejections of all claims remain.

3. As to the Once Amended claims 1, 9, 12 and 16: they are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Srinivasan (US 5548506)

As per once amended claim 1,

A method of constructing a software system [by collecting information and know-how], comprising the steps of:

-storing an information [including] about development situations, know-how, and knowledge in a solution bank by a unit of a solution pattern the information including software components of a default software system; and / abstract, L 11-12; fig 1(10,20); fig 2-9; col 7, L 13-20 (default)

-obtaining contents, including the software components of the default software system corresponding to a desired software system so as to construct the desired software system by accessing the solution bank from a computer in which the desired software system is to be constructed. / fig 1 (50,60); fig 10

As per once amended claim 9,

A system for constructing a software system [by collecting information and know-how], comprising:
a solution bank [including:] comprising
-content storing means for storing a n information [including] about development situations, know-how, and knowledge by a unit of a solution pattern, that information including software components of a default software system; and
solution-pattern providing means for providing the information stored in [said] the content storing means as a solution pattern or a portion of the solution pattern in response to a request; and a system-construction device which obtains contents, including the software components of the default software system corresponding to a desired software system from [said] the solution bank so as to construct the desired software system by accessing[said] the solution bank. / all the above refers to reference under once amended claim 1 above

As per claim 12,

The system as claimed in claim 11, wherein said accessing means accesses said solution bank based on information including a solution pattern, a machine being used, a product being used, and said solution-pattern providing means supplies an application environment of a default system from said solution bank to said system construction device. / fig 2(60); col 3, L 60-64; col 7, L 13-20 (default)

As per claim 16,

A machine-readable memory medium having a program embodied therein for constructing a software system [by collecting information and know-how, said], the program comprising:

-a solution-pattern providing program [-code device configured to cause] with a solution bank, which stores an information [including] about development situations, know-how, and knowledge by a unit of a solution pattern, the information including software components of a default software system to provide the information as a solution pattern or a portion of the solution pattern in response to a request; and / abstract, L 11-12; fig 1 (10, 20); fig 2-9; col 7, L 13-20 (default)

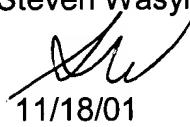
-a system-construction program[-code device configured to cause] with a system construction device [to obtain] that obtains contents, including the software components of the default software system, corresponding to a desired software system from the solution bank so as to construct the desired software system by accessing the solution bank. / fig 1 (50,60); fig 10; col 7, L 13-20 (default)

This action is NON-FINAL. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven R. Wasylchak whose telephone number is (703) 308-2848. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin, can be reached at (703) 308-1065. The fax number for Art Unit 2164 is (703) 308-1396.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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